MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT : I have given my reply. I thought my answer was plain enough.

Remission of tax.

72. ✻MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Government and the Land Revenue Commissioner have received applications from the inhabitants of Edayarkara, Koothattukulam pakuthi, Muvattupuzha taluk, praying for remission of tax consequent on the failure of crops and for increased irrigational facilities ; and

(*b*) if so, whether any enquiry has been conducted about them and, if so, the result thereof and the officer who conducted the enquiry ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM (*Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*) : With reference to part (*a*) may I know whether any similar application has been received from any of the neighbouring pakuthies ?

MR. K. GEORGE: It is understood that certain petitions were received by the Division Peishkar, Kottayam.

MR KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : May I know whether any action has been taken on that ?

MR. K. GEORGE: No report on these petitions have been received.

Bus accident near Neyyattinkara

73. ✻MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware that one of the Travancore State Transport buses ran over an ass at Neyyattinkara or at any other place nearby ;

(*b*) if there was such an accident, whether the Police have taken a case against the owner of the ass and charged it before the Magistrate ;

(*c*) if so, whether the owner of the ass was punished ; and

(*d*) if so, what was the nature and date of the punishment ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) There is no information.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*)

Standardisation of salaries in the Judicial Department.

74. ✻MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when the standardisation of salaries was settled in regard to the Judicial Department :

(*b*) whether the disbursement of salaries in the Judicial Department is made in pursuance of the standardisation scales ;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) be in the negative, the reasons therefor ;

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(*d*) the amount of salary (in total) paid to the establishment of the District Court, Parur, for the month of Vrischikom 1113;

(*e*) when it was paid; and

(*f*) the amount of salary (in total) payable under standardised scales to the establishment of the District Court, Parur, for the month of Vrischikom 1113?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Nominations of the ministerial staff in the Judicial Department under the standardisation scheme of salaries were sanctioned and orders issued on 19-4-1937.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) In view of the answer to part (*b*) this does not arise.

		Rs.	ch.	c.
(*d*) Regular establishment	...	712	15	6
Provincial do.	...	425	21	5
Temporary do.	...	22	0	0
Total	...	1,160	8	11

(*e*) The bills were cashed on 5-5-1113.

(*f*) Since the standardisation was given effect to recently, the amount payable for Vrischigom 1113 can be ascertained only after arrear bills are drawn up.

Tank at Koonananjilikkal, Kunnatnad taluk.

75. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a tank was dug at Koonananjilikkal formerly, and whether it has become quite useless;

(*b*) if so, the expenditure incurred therefor;

(*c*) whether the present tank is one that has been subsequently dug:

(*d*) whether any inconvenience is being felt, especially in the case of traffic by *valloms* during dry season on account of the insufficiency of depth of the present tank;

(*e*) the time for completing the construction of the tank, lock etc., as per the agreement taken when the work was given on contract;

(*f*) whether the work has been completed now;

(*g*) if not, how long it will take for the work to be completed to be of use; and

(*h*) whether the contractor has been indemnified, and a portion of the expenditure thus incurred has been met by the Cochin Government?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) There is no tank at present.

(*d*) to (*h*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

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